



MEDIA RELEASE

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Dan Newburn



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Date: June 4, 2008

Ward 5 – State Prison Fire – 10000 S. Wilmot Road

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Dispatch time – 1657

On-scene time – 1704 (BN12) and 1708 Engine 22

Under control – 1724

There was a small fire in the Fleet Services Building of the Arizona State Prison on south Wilmot. A Complex Security Sergeant noticed smoke coming from the building and called 911. There was no need for evacuation because the employees closed shop around 4 p.m. Units arrived on scene and extinguished the fire in 16 minutes. No injuries were reported and nobody was displaced. This was a contents only fire (see photo attached). The cause was “accidental” probably from carelessly discarded smoking materials in the trash can area. Damage estimate approximately \$20,000.

Safety Message: Prior to discarding materials in or around trash or rubbish areas, make sure the objects are not hot. Cigarettes can smolder for hours before a fire is noticed. Hot materials set on top of paper and plastic can do the same. Remember, big fires start small.

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